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NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN AND DRAFT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR VISTA BURN DUMP (aka FRENCH FIELD) SITE, OCEANSIDE

What Is Being Proposed?

A proposed cleanup plan to address contaminated soil containing burn ash and debris at the Vista Burn Dump (aka French Field) site is available for public review and comment. The proposed cleanup plan, called a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) was developed specifically for the 10-acre site located at 1300 Lee Drive in Oceanside. The draft RAW describes previous investigations, investigation results, and proposed RAW cleanup plans. Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Notice of Exemption (NOE) was prepared, as the proposed soil activities will not have an adverse environmental impact. Our agency, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is overseeing the environmental investigations and cleanup activities at the site. The site poses no immediate health risk because the public is not exposed to the contaminated soil and groundwater at the site is not used for drinking. Also, the site is fenced and locked gates restrict public access. DTSC determined there are chemicals present in the burn ash at the site that are above DTSC's protective standards and require cleanup to protect human health and the environment.

Vista Burn Dump (aka French Field) is comprised of three little league baseball fields on the site. The little league is known as Vista American Little League (VALL). The site is currently owned by the City of Oceanside and is leased to VALL. French Field is located on the former landfill which operated as a burn dump by the County of San Diego from 1944 to early 1966, when the site was closed with a soil cover. In March 1974, the property was leased to Vista Bobby Sox, which by adding more cover material, developed the site into baseball fields and used them until about 1989. In 1993, VALL leased the site and further developed the area using the baseball fields until January 2005. In January 2005, dozens of VALL baseball teams that used the fields for practice and home games were relocated to other nearby fields because burn ash and debris became exposed. At that time and out of caution, the City of Oceanside and City of Vista closed the baseball fields until a full environmental investigation could be conducted under the oversight of DTSC. Surface soil is impacted with burn ash that contains contamination from metals, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), dioxins and furans. These contaminants are present at levels that require cleanup to protect public health and the environment. The draft RAW outlines in detail our proposed plans for cleanup activities at the site.

Why This Notice and How You Can Participate

This notice provides the public an opportunity to learn more about the site and submit public comments on the draft RAW and draft NOE. The 30-day public comment period begins **November 30th, and ends December 30th, 2010. Public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than December 30th, and sent to: Ms. Eileen Khachatourians, DTSC Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732, E-mail: ekhachat@dtsc.ca.gov**. The draft RAW and other site related documents are available for public review at the DTSC office noted above, and at the Information Repositories listed below. Please contact Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337 for an appointment if viewing information at DTSC.

Oceanside Public Library
330 N. Coast Highway
Oceanside, CA 92054-2824
(760) 435-5560

Vista Branch Library
700 Eucalyptus Avenue
Vista, CA 92083-6686
(760) 643-5100

Who to Contact For More Information

For questions about the Vista Burn Dump site project, please contact Eileen Khachatourians, DTSC Project Manager at (714) 484-5478 or Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (714) 484-5354 or toll free 1-888-877-5378. Notice to Hearing Impaired: You can obtain additional information by using the California

State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD) or send a request to contact Stacey Lear at the number above regarding the Vista Burn Dump site.